ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri (9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm) Sat-Sun (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

ARCHITECT MICHAEL HAYS' ORIGINAL DRAWING OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE & ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Office Manager: Director of Pastoral Ministries: Director of Music: Assistant Organist: Director of Family Ministries: Evening Office Assistant:

Fr. Chris Valka, CSB Margaret D'Elia **Emily VanBerkum** J.P. Farahat Michael Pirri Mailena Berardinelli Stela Tudor

WOUNDS OF WONDER

By John Dalla Costa

Even on bended-knee before the cross on Good Friday, and in the glee of Resurrection bells ringing during the Easter Vigil, our devotions only palely approach the actual trauma of those who loved Jesus and followed him.

Their loss was monstrous, unleashing grief and guilt that destabilized each person to their core, even before the incomprehensible empty-tomb destabilized every certitude about life, death, faith, cosmos, love and God.

In today's gospel we encounter that trauma headon. Doors are locked, as are disappointed hearts. Fear and doubts prevail, as those closest to Jesus cower in confusion. All these barriers in wood and stone, or in comprehension and attitude, could not keep Jesus at bay. The One who was tortured and left to die in ignominy came back to his friends after death as he had in life, with gifts of peace and forgiveness. And the fact that convinced his friends to have faith in the life they were seeing was to touch the very wounds that had caused Jesus' agonizing death.

To me this is a significant detail. The real and Resurrected body of Jesus Christ bore the marks of violence and execution on his hands, feet and side. Rather than being left behind, the cross is present in the Lord returned from death.

The instrument of annihilating scandal and abandonment is now literally incorporated into the living body that is the animating core of our faith and Eucharistic life.

Many of our saints and mystics developed their spirituality by contemplating the wounds of the Risen Christ for this very reason.

Love does not end suffering, nor replace the cross each of us must carry. Rather, it incorporates that sacrifice into an offering that transforms the one giving love as much as the one receiving it.

In the marks left by nails and spear we discover

God's embrace of our own suffering and vulnerability, and God's abiding presence in the suffering and vulnerability of our sisters and brothers.

Sunday's Readings: Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31

CONFERENCE IN ROME

Fr. Chris, Emily, and Lucinda depart for Rome next Tuesday, April 25 to participate in the international conference "Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology." The conference will take place April 28-30 at the Pontifical University of Urbaniana in Vatican City.

This is the second meeting of a three-year commitment with the theme of the conference being "Tears" exploring a language that embodies and communicates prophetic recognition and anointing. An indicator of injustice, violence, threat, loss, and suffering. Not always visible, women's inner tears reflect the tear at the heart of society. All three representatives of our parish are presenting at this gathering.

Please keep them in your prayers for a successful meeting and safe travels. During Fr. Chris' time away, incoming Pastor, Fr. Morgan Rice, C.S.B will be present to celebrate Masses the weekend of April 29/30. He looks forward to meeting you!

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT

On **Monday, May 15 at 7:00pm**, Cardinal Gerhard Muller (Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) will present on Conscience Rights in a Faith Context: A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Death.

The evening will begin with prayer followed by the **keynote address at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street). This event is free and open to the public.

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THE CHURCH & CONTEMPORARY ART LECTURE

The annual Christianity and Arts Lecture will be presented on **Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm** by Bishop Paul Tighe. The lecture (to be held in the **Muzzo Family Alumni Hall- Room 400, 121 St. Joseph Street**) will be followed by a reception. Free and open to the public; kindly RSVP on the USMC website or by calling 416-926-2251.

WOMEN AND MISSION TODAY LECTURE

The Mary Ward Centre will be hosting a talk on Women and Mission Today: Combating Human Trafficking-The Theology and the Stories. The guest speaker is Imelda Poole (IBVM English Province), who has been on mission in Albania for 11 years, established Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Tirana, Albania to combat trafficking. Imelda is President of RENATE, a European network seeking to end human trafficking and rehabilitate victims. We invite you to join us on the evening of Thursday, May 18 at 7pm at The Mary Ward Centre (70 St. Mary Street) to hear Imelda speak. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ann at mcgowan@marywardcentre.ca or call 647-259-2951.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all cantors and choir members who led us in music during our Easter celebrations! Your voices helped lend even greater glory to our joyful praise. Thank you to our flower ministry for beautifying the sanctuary and church. Thank you also to all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality, and altar servers who participated in our Triduum.

Finally, thank you to all those who volunteered contributed to our parish's Easter Vigil reception to celebrate the newly baptized and confirmed! It was a wonderful gathering in our new Macrina Hall (formerly the parish hall). We look forward to hosting many more parish events in the hall in the months to come! Thank you for giving so generously of your time and talent to make our parish community so very special.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, April 16, 2017 \$10,807.65

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 23rd - 29th **Divine Mercy Sunday** Sunday Crispulo La Rosa (+) 9:00am-Pro Populo 10:30am-Antun & Hermina Sertic (+) 12:00pm-Keegan Quadros (liv.) 4:30pm-Monday 7:30am-Susan Marie & Stephen Anthony Barker (+) 12:10pm-St. Mark, the Evangelist Tuesday 7:30am-Naomi Perera (liv.) 12:10pm-Wednesday 7:30am-Teresa Vidovic (+)

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Thursday

7:30am-	
12:10pm-	Deceased members of the
•	Fernandes Family
Friday	-
7:30am-	
12:10pm-	Joan Carson Gould (+)

Saturday St. Catherine of Siena 5:00pm- Sumintra Gangasingh (+) & Jocelyn Weeks (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Lucille Mirvish, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Jack Gervais, Sue Lockwood, and Barbara MacMahon-Firestone.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED.

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